

Lafayette Community Church



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TODAY IS NOT COMMON SENSE • MISUNDERSTOOD CONCEPT Rule #5: Practice True Balance

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Healthy **BALANCE** Means **MARGIN**.

TWO COUNTER-CULTURAL COMMANDS DISCARDED BY MANY CHRISTIANS BUT PREDATE HUMANS

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OLD TESTAMENT MARGINS

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Luke 20:21-25

Matthew 23:23

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Take it Home / Making Margin

A P A C I T Y ACCESS

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